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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Branch

Intelligence Catalogue

1. On a recent trip to the European Command a need was found within certain organizations for sets of the Intelligence Catalogue Cards. This Catalogue is compiled and produced by FDB personnel permanently attached to the German Military Document Section of the Adjutant General's Office located in the Pentagon. All printed material sent to the US from Europe is processed by GMDS. During the processing the documents, maps, photos and other similar materials are screened by the FDB screening team for items of intelligence interest. All items found are carded and made a matter of record. The number of these cards now totals about 9,600. Many of the cards have several entries of items of interest under the particular subject heading listed on the card.

2. The need for the catalogue is to advise European Command intelligence units on the working levels of the materials available in Washington. In many cases these units are doing research wherein the knowledge that certain materials were available at GMDS would be of immense value. Research done without knowledge of the existing materials is inefficient, often only partially done and sometimes a duplication.

3. The Air Force have at present two complete sets of the Intelligence Catalogue which they are willing to return to FDB. This Branch would be glad to secure these two sets and turn them over to the Intelligence Division of the Army for forwarding to Headquarters EUCOM for further distribution to the 7707th ECIC and to the 7821 Composite Group. These two organizations should then be placed on the distribution list for all future cards.

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FROM: Assistant Director for Operations

Recommend approval and request you coordinate directly with FDB on action indicated in Para. 3.

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